

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has withdrawn claims 44 and 46-51 as being drawn to a non-elected invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.142 (b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Applicants have canceled claims 44 and 46-51 without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 17-24, 37, and 40-43.

Conclusion

Applicants have canceled claims 44 and 46-51 without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicants believe that all of the remaining pending claims 17-24, 37, and 40-43 have already been allowed so such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) (3), Applicants hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to treat any concurrent or future reply that

requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Should there be any additional charge or fee, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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